

CITY OF MILPITAS  
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)  
COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM, MILPITAS CITY HALL

MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2018

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.  
Commissioners Present: Arefi, Chang, Grilli, Tsai. Commissioners  
Absent: Awasthi, Strohfus. No Alternate Commissioners Present.
- Council Liaison Anthony Phan: Absent  
MHS Student Liaison Dinh: Absent  
MUSD Liaison: Absent.  
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** No Alternate Commissioners.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of March 22, 2018.  
M / S: Arefi / Tsai Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of April 26, 2018.  
M / S: Arefi / Tsai Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Staff reminded commissioners that the Commissioners' Recognition Lunch is on Saturday, April 28.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Council Subcommittee on Commissions**  
Councilmember Nuñez presented the process moving forward to consolidate and realign City commissions. After reviewing how other cities handle trade and cultural interests, he invited commissioners to provide comments on proposed changes to the SCC. A discussion followed regarding an understanding that the SCC will be merged with another commission, which commission to place the sister cities program, and a review of mission components of other commissions. A poll of members present found that the preference was to be linked with the Economic Development Commission.
- IX. Old Business**
- 2. Possible Sister City Relationship with Indian City**  
This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**3. e-Pal Project with Sister Cities**

The Project continues with 47 Digital Business Academy, Milpitas High School students linked to Huizhou Municipality students.

**7. Tsukuba City, Japan**

No report.

**8. Dagupan City, Philippines**

No report.

**9. Huizhou Municipality, China**

Staff reviewed recent email communications.

**X. Student Liaison Report – None**

**XI. City Council Liaison Report – None**

**XII. School District Liaison Report – None**

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

- i. Tsukuba, Japan
- ii. Dagupan, Philippines
- iii. Huizhou, China

**XII. Adjournment**

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting of April 26 to the meeting of May 24, 2018.

M / S: Tsai / Arefi

Ayes: All